Dear Editor:

We are submitting the manuscript entitled "The Regional Differences in Prevalence, Medical Expenditures and Risk Factors for Injury in Taiwanese Teenagers" for possible publication in the BMC of Public Health. This was the first study that used national representative data to look at teenagers' injuries by regions in Taiwan. The results indicated that the locations of teenagers were significantly associated with injury. Males, older teens, and smokers were associated with injury-related outpatient services. The results point to the universal problem. That is teens with risky behaviors or lives in remote areas where the resources are scarce and living environment is hazardous, are subject to higher chance of injury. Even though Taiwanese government has enforced some laws requiring helmet or seatbelt for riding motorcycle or automobile, we think more should be done for people in those areas. These results have not been published elsewhere. All the authors have read and approved the contents of this paper. There is no conflict of interests with any of the authors. Please send the correspondence to me at Center for Health Policy Research and Development, National Health Research Institutes, Taiwan, R.O.C. My email address is hsingyi@nhri.org.tw. Thanks for your attention.

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